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SUBJECT: CHAIRMANSHIP OF OECD DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
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1. OWING TO AN INCAUTIOUS WORD BY A SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE AT AN INFORMAL LUNCHEON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, THE FACT IS NOW KNOWN THROUGHOUT OECD THAT DAC CHAIRMAN MAURICE WILLIAMS IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ANOTHER POSITION WITH AN INTERNATIONAL BODY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WITHOUT ANY ADVANCE CONSULTATION WITH WILLIAMS OR THE U.S., SWEDE RAISED THE ISSUE BEFORE SEVEN REPS TO THE DAC, CLAIMING HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CONSULTED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE WILLIAMS MOVE. HE DID NOT INDICATE SWEDISH REACTION TO THE PROSPECT OF WILLIAMS IN A NEW POST. (INFORMATION RE WILLIAMS HAD BEEN CAREFULLY HELD BY U.S. DELEGATION PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF WHETHER HE WOULD IN FACT DEPART. NO OTHER DAC DELEGATES EXCEPT U.S. WERE AWARE OF POSSIBLE WILLIAMS MOVE UNTIL SWEDE INDISCREETLY REVEALED INQUIRY TO STOCKHOLM.)

2. SWEDE THEN RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER NEXT DAC
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CHAIRMAN SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE AN AMERICAN, AND IMPLIED

THAT AT THE TIME OF WILLIAMS' ELECTION THE ISSUE AROSE AS TO WHETHER HIS SUCCESSOR SHOULD BE NON-AMERICAN. DUTCH AGREED WITH SWEDES THAT THE QUESTION OF CHAIRMAN'S NATIONALITY SHOULD BE RAISED NOW, IF CHAIRMANSHIP IS TO CHANGE. NEITHER PUT FORWARD ANY NAMES. OTHERS PRESENT (JAPANESE, SWISS, CANADIANS, BRITISH) WERE SILENT, BUT THEIR SILENCE DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THEY ASSENTED TO CONTINUED U.S. CHAIRMANSHIP.

3. WHILE MISSION DOES NOT WANT TO SPECULATE ON THE COURSE THIS MATTER MAY TAKE IF WILLIAMS DOES IN FACT LEAVE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE PRESTIGIOUS EUROPEANS WHO MAY BE AVAILABLE AND VERY ANXIOUS TO FILL THE DAC CHAIRMANSHIP, WHICH REMAINS HIGHLY PRESTIGIOUS. FACT THAT THE POSSIBLE WILLIAMS DEPARTURE IS NOW COMMON KNOWLEDGE AT OECD ALREADY HAS LED TO A GREAT DEAL OF CORRIDOR DISCUSSION ON SUCCESSOR, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED AT THIS POINT THAT OTHERS AUTOMATICALLY WILL ACCEPT U.S. APPOINTMENT.

4. IN MISSION'S JUDGMENT, THE BEST WAY TO RETAIN THE POSITION IS TO NOMINATE SOONEST A PERSON OF THE SAME STATUS AND STATURE AS PREVIOUS INCUMBENTS--RIDDLEBURGER, THORP, MARTIN, AND WILLIAMS. A U.S. NOMINEE OF LOWER STATUS CLEARLY WOULD SIGNAL DIMINISHING U.S. INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE DAC AT A TIME WHEN IT MUST PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE INTENSIFIED COORDINATION OF AID POLICIES AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES CALLED FOR BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE JUNE MINISTERIAL MEETING. OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE NEVER ACCEPTED THE NOTION THAT THE DAC CHAIRMANSHIP IS A U.S. PRESERVE AND WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO THROW IN THEIR OWN NAMES IN THE EVENT THE U.S. DID NOT PUT FORWARD AN INDIVIDUAL WITH RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS.

5. WILLIAMS INFORMS MISSION HE WOULD REMAIN AS CHAIRMAN THROUGH PRESENT ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING JANUARY, IF HE IS TO MOVE TO NEW POSITION. HOWEVER, AS SOON AS DECISION IS REACHED THAT HE GO, WE SHOULD BE GIVEN NAME OF PROPOSED SUCCESSOR FOR QUIET CONSULTATIONS WITH SEC GEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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